

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 960

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON

COURTS: Authorizes additional court costs for criminal matters in the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:852 and 853, relative to court costs, to provide relative to court costs in the  
3 Twelfth Judicial District Court; to provide for additional court costs for criminal  
4 cases including traffic offenses in the Twelfth Judicial District Court; to provide  
5 relative to court costs in the Twenty-Second Judicial District Court; to provide for  
6 additional court costs for criminal cases in the Twenty-Second Judicial District  
7 Court; to provide for use of additional funds; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S.13:852 and 853 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §852. Criminal matters; additional court costs; Twelfth Judicial District Court

11 A. In all criminal cases, including traffic offenses, of which the Twelfth  
12 Judicial District Court has jurisdiction, there shall be assessed as additional costs  
13 against every defendant who is convicted after trial or who pleads guilty or forfeits  
14 bond, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents. These costs shall be in addition to all  
15 other fines, costs, or forfeitures lawfully imposed and shall be transmitted to the  
16 Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office for further disposition in accordance with the  
17 provisions of this Section.

18 B. The clerk of court shall place all sums collected or received pursuant to  
19 this Section into an account to be expended by the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office

1 to defray the expenses of providing security and bailiffs to the Twelfth Judicial  
2 District Court.

3 §853. Criminal matters; additional court costs; Twenty-Second Judicial District  
4 Court

5 A. In all misdemeanor offenses, of which the Twenty-Second Judicial  
6 District Court has jurisdiction, there shall be assessed as additional costs against  
7 every defendant who is convicted after trial or who pleads guilty or forfeits bond, the  
8 sum of fifty dollars. These costs shall be in addition to all other fines, costs, or  
9 forfeitures lawfully imposed.

10 B. The clerk of court shall place all sums collected or received pursuant to  
11 this Section into the Criminal Court Fund for the Twenty-Second Judicial District  
12 Court to defray the costs of the court.

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#### DIGEST

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Johnson

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**Abstract:** Authorizes additional court costs for criminal matters in the 12<sup>th</sup> JDC (Avoyelles Parish) and 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC (St. Tammany Parish) to be used to defray costs of providing security and costs of the court respectively.

Proposed law authorizes the 12<sup>th</sup> JDC to assess an additional \$7.50 fee in all criminal cases, including traffic offenses against every defendant who is convicted after trial, pleads guilty, or forfeits bond.

Proposed law requires the clerk of court to place all sums collected into an account to be allocated to the Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office to defray the cost of providing security and bailiffs to the 12<sup>th</sup> JDC.

Proposed law authorizes the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC to assess an additional \$50 in all misdemeanor cases against every defendant who is convicted after trial, pleads guilty, or forfeits bond.

Proposed law requires the clerk of court to place all sums collected into the Criminal Court Fund for the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC to defray the costs of the court.

(Adds R.S. 13:852 and 853)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added a provision to authorize the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC to assess an additional \$50 in all misdemeanor cases against every defendant who is convicted or pleads guilty or forfeits bond and requires the funds to be deposited into the Criminal Court Fund for the 22<sup>nd</sup> JDC to defray costs of the court.